

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/723,534	POTYRAILO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment dated.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-12, 14-21, & 44.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bill Powell (Reg. No. 39,803) on October 25, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

▪ Claim 9 has been replaced with the following:

9. A system for quantifying compounds in fluids, gases, vapors, and solids, the system comprising:

a disc drive for supporting and rotating an optical disc, said optical disc including a ~~substrate layer and at least one~~ highly reproducible sensor array for producing a prerecorded standard response, said sensor array including a plurality of sensor spots, each sensor spot being responsive to a compound;

a light source positioned for directing light onto the at least one sensor spot ~~without first directing the light onto the substrate layer;~~

at least one optical pickup for detecting light transmitted through the at least one sensor spot, the transmitted light being indicative of a concentration of a compound; and

an analog-to-digital converter for quantifying an intensity of the transmitted light.

- Claim 13 has been canceled.
- Claim 14 has been replaced by the following:

14. The system as in claim 13 9, further comprising a processor for comparing measured intensity of the transmitted light to the prerecorded standard response.

- The following claim 44 has been added.

44. The system as in claim 9, wherein each of said plurality of sensor spots is responsive to a different compound.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9-12, 14-21, & 44 are allowed over prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 9, the prior art fails to disclose or make obvious “a highly reproducible sensor array for producing a prerecorded standard response, said sensor array including a plurality of sensor spots, each sensor spot being responsive to a compound” and in combination with the other recited limitations of claim 9. Claims 10-12, 14-21, & 44 are allowed by virtue of dependency on the allowed claim 9.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Juan D. Valentin II whose telephone number is (571) 272-2433. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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